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FOL REPEAT VIENTIANE 498 ACTION SECSTATE DTD 12 MAR.

QUOTE

S E C R E T VIENTIANE 0498

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LA US OVIP OREP SOPN

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO LAOS: BANGKOK STOPOVER

REF BANGKOK 5403

1. I ASSUME THAT PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION STOPOVER IN
BANGKOK IS BEING MADE FOR GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS
BUT FEEL BOUND TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT IS EFFECT ON
LPDR IS NOT GOING TO MAKE COMMISSION'S TASK HERE ANY

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EASIER.

2. PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH'S REPLY TO SECRETARY'S LETTER
GIVES A GOOD IDEA OF LPDR STATE OF MIND. FACT THAT
IT TOOK THEM SIXTEEN DAYS TO COME UP WITH REPLY IS
ALSO SIGNIFICANT. THE LAO ARE TOUCHY EVEN ABOUT
PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE TO THE VIETNAMESE, LET ALONE

PLAYING THIRD FIDDLE AFTER BOTH VIETNAMESE AND THAI.
THAI, OF COURSE, SHARE WITH U.S. THE ROLE OF ENEMY
NUMBER ONE AS FAR AS THE LPDR IS CONCERNED. FINALLY,
AS WE ARE REPORTING SEPTEL, LPRP OFFICIAL PARTY ORGAN
SIENG PASASON, PUBLISHED TODAY, SAME DATE AS PHOUNE'S
LETTER TO SECRETARY, AN EDITORIAL AND A CARTOON
STRONGLY ATTACKING PRESIDENT CARTER.

3. I FURTHER NOTE THAT PHOUNE'S LETTER SPECIFICALLY
ACCEPTS COMMISSION VISIT FOR PERIOD MARCH 19 TO MARCH
21 ALTHOUGH I HAD TOLD NOUPHAN ON FEBRUARY 25 THAT WE
WERE PROPOSING MARCH 20 TO 21 FOR VISIT TO LAOS. I
ASSUME THAT LPDR EXPECTS VISIT TO VIENTIANE TO FOLLOW
DIRECTLY AFTER VISIT TO HANOI AND BANGKOK INTERLUDE
IS GOING TO BE A BIG SURPRISE TO THEM. WHILE WE DO
NOT ANTICIPATE THAT THE LAO WILL CANCEL
THE TRIP WHEN THEY LEARN ABOUT THE BANGKOK STOPOVER,
I AM PRETTY SURE THAT IT WILL GET THEIR HACKLES UP
EVEN HIGHER THAN THEY ARE AS OF NOW.

4. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT PASS THIS MESSAGE TO BANGKOK.
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